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SUBJECT: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM ACTING LEGAL ADVISER

1. DETAILS IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 14 LETTER ARE NOT SUFFICIENT FOR DEFINITIVE OPINION FROM DEPARTMENT AND IN LIGHT OF LIMITED TIME WE SUGGEST YOU CHECK 3 FAM 620, SECTION 10.735-201 AND 202 FOR RELEVANT STANDARDS.

2. IN GENERAL, DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS PROSCRIBE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OR FAVORS OF MONETARY VALUE FROM PERSONS WHO (A) SEEK CONTRACTUAL OR OTHER FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT; (B) CONDUCT ACTIVITIES REGULATED BY DEPARTMENT; (C) HAVE INTERESTS THAT MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY AFFECTED BY YOUR PERFORMANCE OF YOUR OFFICIAL DUTIES; OR (D) APPEAR TO EXPECT ADVANTAGE OR PREFERENCE IN DEALINGS WITH USG. EMPLOYEES MUST AVOID ACTIVITIES WHICH CREATE EITHER ACTUAL SUBSTANTIAL CONFLICT OR APPEARANCE OF SUBSTANTIAL CONFLICT WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES. IN THIS CONTEXT YOU SHOULD IN PARTICULAR CONSIDER WHAT EFFECT PROPOSED TRIP MIGHT HAVE ON EMBASSY'S VERY USEFUL REPORTING RELATIONSHIP WITH OPEC HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA.

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3. HOWEVER, GIFTS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT PROHIBITED WHEN MADE

PURSUANT TO PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS IF CIRCUMSTANCES
INDICATE THAT RELATIONSHIP RATHER THAN BUSINESS OF PERSONS
CONCERNED IS MOTIVATING FACTOR. WE SUGGEST YOU EVALUATE
OFFER ESSENTIALLY ALONG ABOVE LINES AND ABOVE FAM
PROVISIONS. DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO GIVE ANY FURTHER
ASSISTANCE YOU MAY REQUEST. KISSINGER

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